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SUBJECT: FEDAYEEN-SYRIAN-JORDANIAN RELATIONS

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM JORDANIAN EMBASSY SOURCES HERE THAT NUMBER OF FEDAYEEN BEING PROCESSED (I.E., ISSUED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS) FOR RETURN TO JORDAN UNDER KING HUSSEIN'S SEPT 18 AMNESTY DECISION IS AVERAGING BETWEEN 10 AND 15 OR MORE PER DAY. THEY REPORTEDLY REPRESENT CROSS-SECTION OF VARIOUS COMMANDO ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEIR GENERAL ATTITUDE IS DESCRIBED AS "FED UP" WITH FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT AND ALL ITS WORKS. JORDANIAN
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EMBOFFS ALSO NOTE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS GATHERING EACH DAY

OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND IN LOBBY, AND THEY EXPECT THIS MEANS APPLICATIONS FOR RETURN WILL CONTINUE-- OR PERHAPS INCREASE--IN DAYS AHEAD. ALTHOUGH JORDANIAN EMBASSY WAS ATTEMPTING TO SCREEN APPLICANTS IN FIRST FEW DAYS (SOME APPLICANTS, INTERESTINGLY, CARRIED IDENTIFY CERTIFICATES OBTAINED FROM MUFTI HAJJ AMIN HUSSEINI'S HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE), IT NOW UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM AMMAN TO PROCESS ANYONE WHO APPLIES (PRESUMPTION BEING THAT IDENTITY AND BONA FIDES CHECKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT UPON THEIR RETURN TO JORDAN).

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT PLO EX COMM IS NOW MEETING IN DAMASCUS TO DISCUSS TERMS OF LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN RECENTLY DELIVERED BY 'ABD AL MUN'IM AL RIFA'I TO PRES ASSAD. (LETTER, WHICH REPORTEDLY STATES ONLY SA'IQA AND PLA WILL BE ALLOWED RETURN TO JORDAN, APPARENTLY ANSWERS "SPECIFIC QUESTIONS" POSED BY ASSAD TO HUSSEIN AT CAIRO SUMMIT.) ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, 'ARAFAT RETURNED TO DAMASCUS FROM BEIRUT OCT 3 IN ORDER PRESIDE OVER SECRET DISCUSSIONS AMONG FATAH/PLO LEADERSHIP RE EFFECTS OF SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN RAPPROCHEMENT WITH JORDAN ON FUTURE FEDAYEEN STRATEGY. WE ALSO TOLD THAT BEFORE HIS RETURN TO DAMASCUS, 'ARAFAT CONSULTED WITH SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM PRES BAKR OF IRAQ, TO WHOM HE HAS APPEALED FOR HELP IN OPPOSING SARG-GOE POLICIES VIS-A-VIS JORDAN. BUFFUM

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